

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Confirmation No. 5234

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Applicant(s): Troy M. Walters et al.  
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Examiner: Michael J. Araj  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ARTHROSCOPIC  
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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 25, 2008, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.